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SUBJECT: VIOLATION OF TANZANIAN AIRSPACE

REF: A. NAIROBI 13998 B. DAR ES SALAAM 4567

DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH OPINIONS REFTELS THAT WE SAY
NOTHING REGARDING AIRSPACE VIOLATION UNLESS WE ARE
CONTACTED BY TANGOV. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN
PREPARED ON IF ASKED BASIS ONLY IN THE EVENT THAT THE
INCIDENT BECOMES PUBLIC:

QUESTION: DID U.S. PLANES VIOLATE TANZANIAN AIRSPACE
DURING THE RECENT KENYA FLY-BY? (SPOKESMAN WILL TAKE THE
QUESTION. WE WILL THEN INFORM THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT
OF OUR FINDINGS BEFORE REPORTING BACK TO THE PRESS.)

ANSWER: WE HAVE LEARNED THAT A U.S. MARINE CORPS HELI-
COPTER BASED ABOARD THE USS GUAM STRAYED INTO TANZANIAN
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AIRSPACE DURING A SUPPORT FLIGHT FROM NAIROBI TO MOMBASA

ON DECEMBER 11. THE PILOT MISTOOK THE ARUSHA BEACON FOR
A BEACON IN KENYA. ON DISCOVERING HIS ERROR IN NAVIGATION,
HE IMMEDIATELY PROCEEDED BACK TO KENYA AND LANDED IN
MOMBASA. WE REGRET THAT THIS CASE OF SIMPLE NAVIGATIONAL
ERROR BY A PILOT UNFAMILIAR WITH THE TERRAIN RESULTED IN

A COMPLETELY UNINTENTIONAL VIOLATION OF TANZANIAN
AIRSPACE. KISSINGER

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